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The Honorable Board of Supervisors County of Los Angeles 583 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration 500 West Temple Street Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Supervisors:

FISCAL YEAR 2006-07 BUDGET

In 2006-07, the County of Los Angeles Public Library is committed to continuing its tradition of strong service to the public and to updating and enhancing that service to meet the information needs of the 21st century.

The Public Library's 2006-07 CAO Proposed Budget will support current service levels at all libraries. It will also maintain the increased funding for books and materials, enhanced service hours, and expanded programming for residents of the unincorporated areas that was initiated in Fiscal Year 2005-06.

Our 2006-07 CAO Proposed Budget also reflects the Department's Critical Unmet Needs. These Critical Unmet Needs include items necessary to meet service standards consistent with other large urban public library jurisdictions serving similar populations. Funding the Department's Critical Unmet Needs would require an augmentation of \$879.8 million from the County General Fund or other sources of revenue. The major categories of Critical Unmet Needs are described as follows: Books and Library Materials (\$12.7 million), Expanded Library Service Hours (\$5.2 million), Facility Replacement (\$847.4 million), Enhanced Bookmobile Program (\$855,000), Customer Self-Service Implementation (\$7.3 million), Information Technology Upgrades (\$3.8 million), and Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Facilities Upgrades (\$2.5 million).

In 2006-07, with the Board of Supervisors' continued support for library services, the County Public Library will proceed with implementation of its strategic directions as outlined in the County of Los Angeles Public Library Strategic Plan, March 2004. Those strategic directions include efforts currently underway to refine and adopt new standards for technology, collections and facilities and implementation of selected projects developed in support of those standards as a part of the Public Library's Strategic Plan initiative.

Respectfully submitted,

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